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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

September 13, 2002 – 2:00-3:00 p.m. in SM 113B

PRESIDING: Brian Conniff

SENATORS PRESENT: Conniff, Dunne, Gauder, Gerla, Hall, Hallinan, Morel, Pedrotti, Pestello, Sharma

1. Opening Prayer: B. Conniff recited the prayer for the Society of the Holy Name of Mary feast day.

2. Roll Call: Nine of twelve members were present.

3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for April 11, 2002: The August 30, 2002 minutes were approved.

4. Issues Generated by Minutes: The ECAS would like to review the letter or e-mail from W. King concerning the question of final exams for graduating seniors. Several senators mentioned that others have brought up this issue in the past.

5. E-Learning and Intellectual Property – T. Skill was invited to discuss the E-learning policy. The ECAS members received several handouts that dealt with recommendations and policy discussion. The policy now in place needs to be clarified in regards to questions regarding ownership and copyright issues, especially when dealing with web courses. The School of Education and School of Engineering graduate programs now heavily use on-line and remote learning. This type of learning will eventually be available at the undergraduate level. Other issues to address are: UD can't claim full copyright ownership, and does the University want to claim full copyright ownership if it doesn't know if the professor created the course totally himself. Since these courses are attractive to the faculty, contracts may have to be formed including royalties to the developer, make a deal on who owns what, and who should teach the courses (retired faculty may want to continue teaching remotely). The consensus of the deans is that this has to be done and all of the departments will be consulted. This issue was assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC). T. Skill and H. Gerla, along with other faculty, will form an ad hoc committee to study this issue more closely.

6. Appointments to Academic Committees, Councils, and Boards: From the information received from committee chairs, all of the positions on committees are filled. It is suggested that the ECAS would be an oversight committee and every five years it would review information such as the purpose of the committee, selection of committee members, and frequency of meetings. The ECAS would be glad to work with committees if appointments are needed. The information gathered should be added to a web site to show all committees available that would show future openings and who to contact if a faculty member is interested in serving on that committee. A listing of members of University committees will also be available on line. It was suggested that the chairs also work with new faculty to find a committee that would suit them.

7. Fair, Responsible and Acceptable Use of Technology: H. Gauder reported that B. Belle brought this issue to her. Two changes have been made to this policy: (1) "The section on Reporting and Response to Violations, section 6, has been changed and modified, and (2) The Electronic Resources Policy Committee functions as an advisory group; the policy previously stated that the 12-person group would review every infraction case." H. Gerla commented that FAC reviewed the policy several years ago and they had several concerns which might not have been addressed by the drafters. J. Rogatto will try to find previous Senate documentation of this issue. It was agreed that the available materials will then be reviewed and a revised document will be sent to the Provost's Council and the President's Council.

8. Expectations for Course Syllabi: The School of Education is going through an accreditation review and they have asked all departments for the course syllabi. This leads to two questions: (1) what are the minimum expectations distributed to students; and (2) what are the expectations for monitoring course syllabi according to course descriptions? This item was tabled pending more information.

9. Flyer TV Taping Academic Senate Meetings: No objection was raised concerning Flyer TV taping all of the Academic Senate Meetings for the 2002-2003 academic year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto